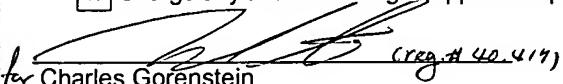




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In reply to the final Office Action dated January 12, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

- Amended Claim Set; and
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